

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] The scope table 124 provides an index of scope start positions and scope ~~[[and]]~~ end positions to facilitate determination of relevant scopes according to a cursor position. As such, the scope table 124 is generally formatted as a plurality of columns and rows, where each row defines a record for a particular scope. For brevity, only a single row 130 is shown. A first pair of entries of the row 130 include a line number 132 and a column number 134 for the start location of a scope. A second pair of entries include a line number 136 and a column number 138 for the end location of the scope. The ability to identify scope is well-known within the art. Accordingly, a more detailed discussion is not necessary.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] FIG. 2 is a flowchart of a method 200 illustrating the operation of the development tool 110, and more specifically the spell checker 112. For simplicity, the method 200 assumes a user is currently editing ~~[[and]]~~ an active document. In the event that a new document is created and opened, it is contemplated that a selection of default dictionaries may be loaded. For example, an empty scope dictionary 120 may be created and the external language keywords dictionary 122B may be loaded. When a saved document containing previously entered code is opened, the last saved state of the document is reinstated.

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following amended paragraph:

[0043] Referring now ~~[[out]]~~ to FIG. 6, illustrative code 600 is shown which may be displayed on one of the I/O devices. The code 600 will be used to describe the inventive features disclosed herein. For purposes of illustration, the code 600 is Java; however, the inventive features may be used to advantage with any programming

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language. Assuming first that the user is typing within a first comment 602 which pertains to the entire class, the cursor is located in the outermost scope of the code 600. As such, the dynamic dictionary 118 includes the standard dictionary 122A, a Javadoc dictionary (i.e. one of the comments dictionary 122D-E), and a scope dictionary 120A. The scope dictionary 120A contains class variables (such as 'myVar', below), method names (such as 'doWork', below) and other public and package protected variables and methods from the package com.cujo.